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SUBJECT: FINNISH VISITOR TO U.S.

1. AATOS ERKKO, PUBLISHER OF HELSINGING SANOMAT, FINLAND'S LEADING PAPER, WILL BE IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 11 UNTIL O/A 21, EXCEPTING FEBRUARY 14-16 STAYING AT REGENCY HOTEL.
2. HE HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE AUSTAD AND IS WILLING TO FLY DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR THAT PURPOSE.
3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR MR. AUSTAD TO INVITE HIM TO LUNCH OR SOME SUITABLE AFFAIR.
4. THERE ARE FEW MORE IMPORTANT MEN IN FINLAND. THIS WILL ENABLE AN INFORMAL CASUAL BEGINNING TO WHAT COULD BE A VERY EFFECTIVE CONTACT FOR MR. AUSTAD IN FINLAND.
5. MR. ERKKO IS 43, WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HIS OWN IMPORTANCE. BUT HE IS RIGHT. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SANOMA OY, WHICH PRINTS SOME OF THE BEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL PUBLICATIONS IN FINLAND.
6. HE IS PRO-AMERICAN BUT A VERY INDEPENDENT MAN. SERIOUS,

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INTELLIGENTLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICIES AND PROBLEMS,

AND VERY VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE U.S. AND AMERICANS.

7. HIS RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR KREHBIEL AND HIS STAFF
ARE EXCELLENT.

8. SUGGEST IRVING RANTANEN, USIA NORDICS DESK OFFICER,
BRIEF MR. AUSTAD ON MR. ERKKO.

9. HE IS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE FINNISH
FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION, AND HE AND HIS ATTRACTIVE
WIFE, JANE, ARE THE POWERS BEHIND FINNISH SKATING.
HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, RAFAEL SEPPALA, IS A FORMER FINNISH
AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. ERKKO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE AND KNOWS MANY INFLUENTIAL
AMERICANS.
KREHBIEL

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